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Dear Friends,

“What exactly does the Sonoran Institute do?” As our work has expanded during the Institute’s first 15 years, it has become more challenging to give a complete, yet succinct, answer.

In 2005 we spent some time considering and discussing what we value and what we do. When the dust settled, we agreed on a common element in all of our work:

The Sonoran Institute promotes community decisions that respect the land and people of western North America.

Yes, there’s much more we can say about what we do. Sometimes we are conservation advocates, sometimes community-development specialists, sometimes economists, scientists, facilitators, land-use planners or communicators. But, bottom line, our people, programs and projects help communities in western North America make decisions and take actions that shape a better future. Inherent in this work are our core values: passion for the land and respect for people, knowledge and resilience.

Through a long history of booms fueled by riches harvested from nature — and ensuing busts — Western land and people have seen rapid change and have shown a tremendous capacity to adapt. Profound change is again occurring as the West’s unique culture and dramatic landscapes lure more new residents, and global economics and communications impact even remote areas. Resource-based activities such as logging, mining and ranching — once the region’s economic mainstays — are less significant.

Information and services, plus retirement and investment income, have become the leading sources of prosperity and the West’s competitive advantage in the rapidly globalizing economy. Magnificent scenery, protected natural areas and recreational opportunities are now critical economic assets. Conserving natural and cultural assets supports the West’s new economic foundation.

Protecting and effectively managing our land and water requires innovative, effective approaches to both public and private land-use decisions. The Sonoran Institute encourages sound information, civil dialogue among diverse parties, and meaningful public collaboration to support smart decision-making at local, state and federal levels. We have learned that conservation and economic-development decisions are often more effective and enduring when initiated and embraced by local people.

It keeps coming back to this: Passion for the land and respect for the wisdom and resilience of people, plus reliance on sound information, guide the work of the Sonoran Institute. We have chosen four stories to share in this report that illustrate our values in action. We think the stories also show why we trust the people of the West in their ability to make decisions that take care of our special part of the world for the future. We look forward to working with many more of you during our next 15 years.

— Luther Propst

Executive Director

… It is hard to be pessimistic about the West. This is the native home of hope. When it finally learns that cooperation, not rugged individualism... most characterizes and preserves it, then … it has a chance to create a society to match the scenery.

Wallace Stegner

Photo by Liz Storer
Montana adopts smart-growth ideas for trust lands

Generating dollars from many sources — grazing, farming, timber and mining leases, power line and road easements, recreational fees — state trust lands do a lot of work. In Montana they are now getting the respect they have earned.

With population and real estate prices surging in the last decade, some trust lands are now worth more for development than for traditional uses, especially near fast-growing towns.

Montana decided in 2005 to ensure development occurs only avoiding leapfrog development and strip-malls and conserving wildlife habitat and other environmental values are part of the new policy.

“In a fast-changing environment, Montanans decided to use these lands efficiently while preserving the place they love,” said Andy Laurenzi of the State Trust Lands Joint Venture, a partnership of the Sonoran Institute and the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy.

The Joint Venture has worked with state and local groups in Montana for nearly two years and includes Helena-based Montana Smart Growth Coalition (MSGC), which became part of the Sonoran Institute in 2005.

The Joint Venture is continuing its work by identifying where rapid growth is likely to occur and which trust lands are ecologically important and should be protected.

Tim Davis, director of MSGC, says, “We are helping design model smart-growth projects that are win-win-win — more funding for schools; attractive, efficient, community-friendly growth; and traditional uses and open space for a vast majority of trust lands.”

When we see land as a community to which we belong, we may begin to use it with love and respect.

Aldo Leopold

The state’s 5.2 million acres of trust land (six percent of the state) raise millions of dollars annually, mainly for schools. And Montanans value the scenery, open space and traditional resource jobs the lands provide.

on trust lands where it increases revenues without creating sprawl or harming the character of communities. The state also agreed to collaborate with communities on the use of nearby trust lands.

Smart-growth strategies like

Institute staff collaborated on trust-land planning with residents of Whitefish and other Montana communities. The state has 5.2 million acres of trust land.

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dnrc.state.mt.us/trust

Photo by Jessica Mitchell

RESPECT FOR LAND
connection, love of place, conservation
The passion of Juan Butron

Juan Butron lives in northwest Sonora, Mexico, in the little community of Ejido Encinas Johnson on the edge of La Ciénega de Santa Clara, one of the rare remaining wetlands in the Colorado River Delta.

Nine years ago, a friend invited Juan to a Sonoran Institute community conservation workshop. When he returned home, Juan looked at La Ciénega differently. “It really moved me that there were threatened species — birds and fish — on my native land,” he says.

The Delta is home to hundreds of bird species, including the endangered Yuma clapper rail, and is a major stopover for migratory waterfowl and shorebirds along the Pacific Flyway.

Juan thought about protecting the wetland and how that could benefit his community, where family and friends scratched out a modest living. He had a vision to connect the protection of La Ciénega de Santa Clara to its potential as an ecotourism destination.

Juan organized a local group to provide food, guides and interpretive services for La Ruta de Sonora, the Sonoran Institute ecotour program he helped create. He volunteered to help build shelters, composting toilets and other infrastructure. He eagerly studied the marsh and its plants and wildlife and led canoe tours for more than 1,000 people.

“From my heart, I tell my community about the importance of nature, of the species and their right to be here,” Juan says. “Little by little, people are understanding.”

At first his family didn’t understand and questioned why he spent so much time and effort doing all this extra work. He didn’t stop.

Whatever it is that lives, a man, a tree or a bird, should be touched gently … Civilization is another word for respect for life.

— Elizabeth Goudge

He tirelessly advocates for the threatened wetland to water and land management agencies, generates grassroots support for the Upper Gulf of California and Colorado River Delta Biosphere Reserve, and monitors birds in the Delta for research projects.

On Dec. 5, 2005, in Santa Fe, New Mexico, Juan received the Michael S. Currier Environmental Service Award and a substantial check at a ceremony hosted by the New Mexico Community Foundation and sponsored by the Thaw Charitable Trust.

With his persistent smile lighting his weathered face, Juan’s first thought after winning the award was of his family. “Now they know I had all the reason in the world for doing this. This is my passion. Now, they are proud of me.”

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laruta.org
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Rapid change has gripped Lemhi County, Idaho, for the past decade. The large sawmill closed and mining declined. Unemployment rose. Businesses struggled. Cattle ranchers waited for good prices. Reintroduction of wolves generated angst in nearby communities. The number of new residents and the cost of new housing have been rising.

About the size of Connecticut and 92 percent public land, Lemhi County is home to 7,820 residents sprinkled across the countryside and in small towns. Many descend from miners and ranchers who settled here and retain the independent spirit of their forebears.

They’re also resilient and willing to pull together to tackle challenges when necessary. So, in the late 90s, local government leaders began embracing change by turning to historical, recreational and scenic assets — untapped resources for economic development. The county boasts the Salmon River, the River of No Return Wilderness Area, Sacajawea’s birthplace and other natural and cultural treasures.

This new approach led to the Salmon Valley Business Innovation Center, the Sacajawea Interpretive Center, and new design and marketing strategies for the city of Salmon and the county.

About the same time, community members got together to discuss the impacts of having to sell family ranches to developers. Rancher Wendy Jo Hoffman says residents realized, “if a rancher can’t remain in business and ends up subdividing the ranch, there will be no more open space, no more wildlife habitat, no more deep-soil bottom ground and no more quality water.”

Those discussions and a partnership with the Sonoran Institute led to formation of the Salmon Valley Stewardship (SVS), a community organization that addresses the challenges and opportunities of change. In 2005, SVS with technical assistance and funding from the Institute:

• hosted a growth-management seminar and discussion groups to bring citizens into the planning process;
• helped launch the Lemhi Regional Land Trust;
• coordinated an affordable-housing presentation;
• began work to identify conservation priorities and to explore restoration and stewardship opportunities on public lands.

“More growth and change are ahead for Lemhi County,” says Adrienne Blauer, SVS coordinator. “The community has shown resilience, people are increasingly informed, and the area is well positioned to protect its assets while adapting for the future.”

LINKS:
salmonvalley.org
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Ranchers put their heads together

Conservation ranching may be an oxymoron to some, but the Sonoran Institute is known for encouraging all to participate in sharing local knowledge and making local land-use decisions more sustainable.

In the Santa Cruz watershed of northern Sonora, Mexico, ranching is the main economic activity and use of land. Six years ago Institute staff began sharing information on pasture restoration, erosion control, native seed banks, native grass management and other conservation measures with a small group of ranchers.

The group’s leader, Ventura Rivera, said at the time, “The Sonoran Institute has come with a healthy intent to share knowledge, helping us take care of the river, the vegetation, the birds, wildlife and native grass seed. More people every day are interested in what we are trying to achieve.”

Gradually, more ranchers tentatively agreed to try new approaches. The leader of a group that grazes cattle along the Santa Cruz River told Institute staff, “Look boys, here you have two kilometers of river in which you can implement your conservation, restoration and monitoring activities, but don’t forget that I am a rancher and I like cows and the grass that they need, so if we could combine our efforts here that would be good.”

The Institute’s conservation ranching efforts expanded in 2005 with the Rancher-to-Rancher Exchange, which brings together cattlemen in Sonora and Arizona to share knowledge and techniques that are good for the land and good for the ranchers.

Sometimes the focus is on traditional knowledge about conserving water or improving soil. The Santa Cruz watershed ranchers built gabions — small curtains of rock — across gullies to slow water flow, thereby reducing erosion, retaining more moisture and increasing vegetation. Ranchers from the nearby San Pedro and Sonoran watersheds visited recently, saw the results and are beginning to build their own gabions.

In November, several Sonoran ranchers visited southern Arizona, where cattleman Mac Donaldson explained how his family manages grazing on the Empire Ranch with consideration for the environment and for recreational use of the land.

Donaldson enjoyed the opportunity to talk about different ways of doing things. “There’s always a need for changes and to try to solve problems creatively,” he said. “You damn well make mistakes. You gain knowledge from them and adjust.”

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Photo by Joaquin Murrieta-Saldarriaga

A [person] of knowledge lives by acting, not by thinking about acting.

Carlos Castenada
NEW CENTRAL ROCKIES OFFICE OPENS
Colorado, northern New Mexico and southern Wyoming have more access to the Sonoran Institute’s services and resources with our new office in Grand Junction, Colorado, which opened in September.

INSTITUTE TRAINS 70 ELECTED OFFICIALS
Our Western Community Stewardship Forum, held in October in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, gave extensive training in land-use planning to 70 elected officials from 11 counties in the northern Rockies region.

MONTANA SMART GROWTH COALITION MERGER
The Montana Smart Growth Coalition in Helena, Montana, became a project of the Sonoran Institute in May 2005. The Coalition provides resources for planners and the state’s elected officials.

YELLOWSTONE 2020 REPORT EXAMINES GROWTH IN NORTHERN ROCKIES

INSTITUTE SEEKING SIGNATURES FOR ARIZONA STATE TRUST LAND REFORM
The Institute is working to put a measure on Arizona’s November 2006 ballot that would protect nearly 700,000 acres from development, require the state to plan cooperatively with local communities, and provide more oversight to protect funding for Arizona’s schools.

INSTITUTE BRIEFS CAPITOL HILL STAFFERS
The National Landscape Conservation System encompasses the crown jewels of lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management. The Institute briefed congressional staffers on the benefits of protecting these valuable landscapes while creating economic opportunities for nearby communities.

MONTANA’S ROCKY MOUNTAIN FRONT PLANS FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
Our SocioEconomic Program is working with five counties along the Rocky Mountain Front in Montana on a comprehensive economic development plan, which includes protection of the region’s outstanding natural assets.

PIMA COUNTY BUYS 1,800 ACRES WITH OPEN-SPACE BOND FUNDS
Pima County in southern Arizona acquired 1,800 acres in 2005 with funds from the county’s successful 2004 open-space bond. The Sonoran Institute worked with many partners to pass the bond including the Cienega Corridor Conservation Council.

SALMON VALLEY STEWARDSHIP LAUNCHES LOCAL LAND TRUST
Founded by the Sonoran Institute in 2002, Salmon Valley Stewardship in Salmon, Idaho, helped launch Lemhi Regional Land Trust to preserve scenic and working landscapes in Lemhi County, Idaho.

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JLF & Associates has been practicing a unique brand of architecture in Montana since 1979. Focusing on restoration, preservation and design of structures that incorporate original material, their award-winning work demonstrates an appreciation of history, a love of the West and an understanding of how buildings become one with the land.

JLF & Associates’ approach to philanthropy is as thoughtful, complex and dedicated to beauty as their architectural work.

“Inspiration is mercurial — it doesn’t express itself easily — and is very rarely seen or felt,” says Paul Bertelli, principal of the firm. “Our goal with philanthropy is for it to allow inspiration to become reality. Our business is a process, not a product, and our giving is motivated by the same understanding.”

Partners and staff on the JFA Charitable Fund Gifting Committee make philanthropic decisions, guided by Paul’s philosophical questions: “What would a good company do? What would a great company do?”

“We are interested in becoming more connected, in becoming better designers, better businesspeople, better citizens and in contributing to our collective quality of life,” Paul says. “We’re lucky to do what we do, and giving back only enriches the experience.”

New donor comes on board

Nyda Jones-Church likes the Sonoran Institute’s collaborative approach to conservation, so she became a new donor in 2005. In fact she likes the organization so much that in June she joined the board of directors.

“Looking to the future, community collaboration will play a growing role in leading-edge conservation,” Nyda said. “It is critical to involve all interests to make and implement successful local decisions.”

With a keen interest in resources for responsible development, Nyda is especially enthusiastic about the Institute’s Community Stewardship Organization Network, which integrates development with conservation and sustainable construction.

Nyda comes to the board with optimism about the future of the West and vast knowledge of real estate and land finance. One of the original agents at San Diego-based Prudential California Realty, Nyda became a partner and is now chief operating officer in charge of mergers, acquisitions and operations. Along with 20 years in real estate, she has a professional background in law and accounting.

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